

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following:

--SMART CARD SYSTEM AND ELECTRONIC TICKETING

METHODS

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Disclosed is an electronic ticketing system (100, 200) and method (60) utilising a smart card (31). The smart card can be loaded with pre-purchased tickets which are then booked at a subsequent date. Alternatively, the booking and payment for the ticket can be made at the one transaction. The smart card is customizable [customisable] by a user (100) who would normally be a promoter or organizer [organiser] of an event for which tickets are required. Also disclosed is a multiple purpose card (70, 91, 141, 151, 161) which is both a smart card having electronic data stored (78) therein and a conventional business card having information (72) printed thereon for use by a reader. The donee of the card is able to insert same into a card reader (12) to obtain detailed information from the computer (100) of the donor of the card. The multiple purpose smart card may also be used as a trading card (506) as part of a set (500) of similar cards each offering differing levels of user access to a database (526) related to the set.--

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 4, 8, 14-16, 18, 19, 26-28, 31-33, 35-49, 51-65, 70-73, 77-81, 85-94 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 8, 18, 32, 35, 36, 43, 44, 45, 47, 51, 55, 59, 60, 61, 62, 70, 78, 86, 88, and 94 are the independent claims.